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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

FOR SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR VISIT TO DAMASCUS WERE GIVEN US BY SYRIAN UN AMBASSADOR KAYLANI ON INSTRUCTIONS OF SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. IF YOU AGREE, WE WILL INFORM SYRIANS.

2. PROGRAM FOR VISIT AS AS FOLLOWS:

1340 - PARTY ARRIVES DAMASCUS

1415 - PARTY ARRIVES AT SYRIAN GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE

1430 - LUNCHEON FOR SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF
OFFICIAL PARTY HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KHAD-
DAM; SEPARATE LUNCHEONS WILL BE GIVEN BY
SYRIANS FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY, CREW
AND PRESS

1600 - MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT ASAD AND SECRETARY
KISSINGER
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1900 - PARTY DEPARTS DAMASCUS

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3. PRESIDENT ASAD WILL RECEIVE SECRETARY KISSINGER ALONE

(KAYLANI COULD NOT SAY WHETHER NOTE-TAKERS WOULD BE PRESENT).

4. OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION WILL CONFER WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHILE SECRETARY KISSINGER MEETS WITH PRESIDENT ASAD; AFTER MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION WILL BE TAKEN ON VISIT AROUND CITY OF DAMASCUS.

5. SECRETARY WILL BE RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY FOLLOWING: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL (WITH WHOM SECRETARY MET IN WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 2), MR. EL SHOUFI, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN MINISTRY, MR. NAHLOUI, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. KABBANI, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, FOREIGN MINISTRY, MR. OMRAN, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL OFFICES, FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BUCCI.

6. THERE WILL BE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS BETWEEN SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT ASAD AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM.

7. PASSPORTS OF ALL PASSENGERS AND CREW ON SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO SYRIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIAL ON ARRIVAL DAMASCUS FOR STAMPING, ALONG WITH LIST OF PASSENGERS AND CREW.

8. SARG AGREES WOULD BE USEFUL TO SEND AN ADVANCE MAN TO DAMASCUS ON DECEMBER 14 TO COORDINATE PROTOCOL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO VISIT. FYI. I WOULD SEND DAVID KORN WHO HAS BEEN WORKING OUT ALL ARRANGEMENTS WITH SYRIAN UN DEL. RUSH

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